73 rescued fishers return from Myanmar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Cox's Bazar*

A total of 73 fishermen, who had been detained by the Arakan Army, were brought back to Bangladesh from Myanmar yesterday evening.

The returnees include 66 Bangladeshi nationals and seven Rohingyas, officials said.

Lt Col Md Hanifur Rahman Bhuiya, commanding officer of Teknaf Battalion-2 of Border Guard Bangladesh, said the fishermen were detained by the Arakan Army while fishing in the Bay of Bengal at different times in 2025.

They were held in camps controlled by the group inside Myanmar for varying periods.

Through coordinated efforts by different security forces in the Cox's Bazar region and communication with the Arakan Army, the phased repatriation of detained fishermen and arrangements for their gradual handover were made, the BGB official said.

"In the first phase, 73 fishermen were received from the Arakan Army at the Naf River zero line and brought to Teknaf jetty ghat today [Monday] evening. The process of handing them over to their families is underway. Their identities have already been verified by local representatives and law enforcement agencies," Lt Col Hanifur said.

Meanwhile, at least 15 people, including six women and four children, were rescued from a trafficking attempt in a joint operation by the Coast Guard and the Rapid Action Battalion in Teknaf's Baharchhara area on Sunday afternoon, officials said.

Based on intelligence, a joint team from the Coast Guard's Baharchhara outpost and Rab conducted a raid at the house of an alleged trafficker, Abdul Ali, in the Kachchhapia area under Teknaf Police Station around 4:00pm on Sunday and rescued the victims, Lieutenant Commander Siyam-ul-Haque, media officer of Bangladesh Coast Guard, said yesterday.

Abdul Ali, who was reportedly planning to send them to Malaysia by sea illegally, and his cohorts, managed to flee after sensing the presence of law enforcers. No arrests were made in this connection, he said.

Locals from Char Majar Diar cross a sandbar to reach home after work in Rajshahi city. With the onset of the dry season, water levels in canals, wetlands and rivers have receded, leaving vast sandy stretches that resemble a desert. The photo was taken recently on a Padma River char in Rajshahi.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

'High schools to remain open for first 18 Ramadan days'

SC stays HC order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court chamber judge yesterday stayed a High Court order that directed the government to keep all high schools (Classes 6-10) closed throughout the month of Ramadan.

High schools will remain open for the first 18 days of Ramadan in line with the government decision following the apex court chamber judge's order, Acting Attorney General Md Arshadur Rouf told The Daily Star.

Chamber Judge Farah Mahbub also asked the government to file a leave to appeal petition with the court against the HC order

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Prioritise minorities

Christian leaders urge new govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's Christian church leaders have urged the new leadership of the country to pay attention to the underprivileged and minority communities of the country, support them in improving their quality of life and ensure peace and security.

In separate statements yesterday, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh (CBCB) and the United Forum of Church, Bangladesh (UFCB) congratulated the BNP and its chairman Tarique Rahman for the victory in the 13th parliamentary elections.

"After a long time, the people of the country have participated in exercising their right to vote in a spontaneous and festive atmosphere. This is a matter of joy and hope for all of us," said CBCB President Archbishop Bejoy N D'Cruze.

He said the active participation of citizens strengthens democratic practices and further paves the way for building a responsible, justice-based, and welfare-oriented state.

"Although small in number, we Christians have always made special contributions to the development of the country and the nation. While continuing this trend from our current position, we hope to strengthen your hands through our participation in education, healthcare, development, and constructive work, as well as service activities for the poor and needy," said Archbishop D'Cruze of Dhaka.

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Sharif N AS-Saber new VC of Stamford

STAR REPORT

Dr Sharif N AS-Saber has been appointed as the new vice-chancellor of Stamford University Bangladesh.

Sharif formally assumed office as VC in the presence of the chairman and members of the university's Board of Trustees, along with the university's deans, department heads and faculty members yesterday.

He is internationally recognised as an academic leader, strategist and governance specialist, with a career spanning more than three decades. Prior to joining Stamford, he served as a faculty member in the Department of Management under the College of Economics and Political Science at Sultan Qaboos University in Oman.

Between 2023 and 2025, he served as vice-chair of the Middle East Chapter of the United Nations Principles for Responsible Management Education.

Sharif earned his PhD from the University of Tasmania, an MBA from Monash University, and degrees in Law and International Relations from Dhaka University.

Cop among six hurt in Jhenaidah post-polls clash

STAR REPORT

At least six people, including a policeman, were injured in a clash between two groups of BNP men in the presence of police in Jhenaidah yesterday.

The incident occurred on Baruihuda Government Primary School playground in Shailkupa upazila at noon.

Police and locals said both groups were supporters of the newly elected BNP lawmaker of Jhenaidah-1 Md Asaduzzaman. They locked in a clash over rivalry stemming from the recent election campaign. Previously, the two groups clashed on the election day.

"Tension prevailed around 12:30pm today [Monday]. On information, police rushed to the spot, but the two groups clashed in the presence of police," said Shakil Ahmed, inspector (investigation) of Shailkupa Police Station.

A police constable, Sohel Rana, was injured after being hit by a brick. Additionally, four to five people from both sides sustained injuries, he also said.

No case was filed till yesterday evening. Police were trying to detain the culprits, he added.

Contacted, Md Asaduzzaman MP said, "I have heard the incident and asked police to take necessary legal action upon investigation."

Meanwhile, at a press conference on Sunday, BNP's defeated candidate in Chattogram-15 constituency, Nazmul Mostafa Amin, alleged that around 25 of his supporters were injured in 20 separate incidents of attacks by Jamaat activists since the election day.

He also demanded the removal of Lohagara Upazila Nirbahi Officer, alleging that the UNO has been playing a biased role towards Jamaat men.

Asked, Lohagara UNO Md Saiful Islam denied the allegation and said he performed his duties impartially.

Contacted, Ariful Islam Siddique, additional superintendent of police in Chattogram, said, "While we are yet to receive any official complaint in this regard, we have heard about some incidents and are investigating those."

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PRAYER TIMING FEBRUARY 17

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	5-25	12-45	4-30	5-57	7-15
JAMAAT	6-00	1-15	4-45	6-01	7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Ekushey book fair

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They have been demanding that the fair begin after Eid.

The platform said it would not participate in the book fair if it were held before Eid. However, the Bangla Academy remains steadfast in its decision to begin the fair from February 20.

To this end, the academy has decided to waive 55 percent of stall fees for participating publishers. A total of 525 stalls have been allocated to around 350 publishing organisations.

Bangla Academy sources said that amid the fair being organised during Ramadan, it will be held for a curtailed duration of 25 days.

Md Selim Reza, member secretary of the book fair organising committee, said the publishers' demand to hold the fair after Eid was illogical at a time when 80 percent preparations have been completed already.

"After Eid, during April, the weather will remain inclement due to nor'westers and rainfall, leading to significantly low number of visitors. As such, it is illogical to hold the fair during this time," he said.

"The committee unanimously decided the fair's date of inauguration, while reducing stall fees for the publishers compared to last year," he added.

Md Mafidur Rahman, secretary to the cultural affairs ministry, said the book fair is organised by the Bangla Academy while the ministry provides necessary support, and the head of state inaugurates it.

"Preparations are underway accordingly," he added.

No new vehicle registration

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Experts say old and unfit vehicles are a major cause of road crashes and air pollution. Older vehicles emit more toxic gases due to incomplete fuel combustion, they added.

In May 2023, the then government set the economic life of buses and minibuses at 20 years and trucks and covered vans at 25 years and prepared a draft scrapping guideline.

However, it later put the order on hold following pressure from transport associations, allowing outdated vehicles to remain on the roads.

In June last year, the interim government reinstated the age limits and announced a crackdown on outdated vehicles from mid-July.

But it also stepped back following pressure from the transport associations, who threatened to go on strike if the authorities did not halt the crackdown.

According to BRTA data updated on July 16 last year, some 39,169 buses and minibuses and 41,140 trucks, covered vans and tankers had exceeded their economic life.

WHAT THE GUIDELINE SAYS

Apart from vehicles that have exceeded their designated economic life or are unfit for operation, those declared unserviceable by government, autonomous, or private institutions can also be scrapped, the guideline says.

Vehicles damaged by fire, explosion, natural disasters or accidents where repairs are not financially viable can also be scrapped.

The same applies to vehicles declared unfit by a court, voluntarily handed over for scrapping, produced without authorisation, or modified without approval.

Vehicles without a valid fitness certificate for more than one year without reasonable cause are also eligible for scrapping.

BRTA officials could not provide the exact number of vehicles operating without fitness clearance for over a year. However, data shows that at least 6.26 lakh vehicles had not obtained fitness certificates as of July 24 last year.

BRTA will appoint private vendors for scrapping. An eight-member committee led by the BRTA director (Engineering) will determine the value of scrapped vehicles and identify recyclable parts.

A certificate will be issued for each scrapped vehicle.

REWARD AND PUNISHMENT

In exchange for a scrap certificate, an owner or lawful successor may receive government financial incentives when registering a new vehicle.

However, no one will be allowed to register a new or used vehicle without scrapping one that has exceeded its economic life.

The authority may allow registration if the owner's application for scrapping is accepted.

Violating the guideline will be punishable under Section 104 of the Road Transport Act, 2018, which provides for up to three months' imprisonment, a fine of Tk 20,000, or both.

New PM to decide

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house Jamuna and using Minto Road bungalows were also discussed, but raised traffic concerns. The interim administration eventually left the final decision to the next elected government.

Regarding housing for ministers and state ministers, the PWD chief engineer said the ministry was preparing residences that are becoming vacant.

"At present, they have taken all preparation to get 16 ministers' bungalows and 10 ministers' apartments ready," he said on Sunday night.

"We are receiving updates daily. Former advisers are vacating residences, and once handed over, we will begin renovation work immediately. Hopefully, we will be able to allocate the houses on time."

Apartments for elected lawmakers are also being prepared, and currently 144 units are expected to be ready at the NAM Bhaban.

A PWD superintendent engineer said there are six buildings at NAM Bhaban, each containing 36 flats. Of these, four buildings are currently vacant, where cleaning and renovation work was ongoing.

Meanwhile, sources from the Transport Commissioner's Office said 50 cars and 50 drivers have been kept ready for members of the new cabinet.

"Perhaps, so many cars won't be required, but as per tradition, some extra vehicles are kept prepared," said an official concerned.

Teen stabbed

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He alleged the attackers were known to Mahim.

Din Islam filed a murder case with Jatrabari Police Station, naming three individuals and accusing several unidentified others.

OC Mohammad Raju said one person has been arrested in connection with the incident.

Preliminary findings indicate Mahim knew those involved and that an ongoing dispute over a minor issue led to the attack, he said.

Police said drives are underway to arrest the remaining suspects.

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HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 144 of 2026
An application under Section 81(2), 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994

Md. Nazrul Islam Anik -----Petitioner
-VERSUS-
Headless Technologies Limited and another -----Respondent

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application on behalf of the Petitioner under Section 81(2), 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding AGM of **Headless Technologies Limited** was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon preliminary hearing, the Hon'ble Company Bench by its order dated 08.02.2026 was pleased to admit the said application and directed the petitioner to publish notices in the "Daily Star" and in the "Daily Songbad" within 3 (three) weeks from date and to file an affidavit-in-compliance within 3 (three) weeks from date and to file an affidavit-in-compliance. Any person or persons being interested in the said application may appear either personally or through duly authorized Advocate on or before the date so fixed. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of required costs.

Md. Abdul Matin Sardar, Advocate, Supreme Court
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"পুনঃদরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি"

২০২৫-২০২৬ অর্থবছরে বাংলাদেশ রাবার বোর্ড, চট্টগ্রাম-এর ষোলশহরস্থ প্রধান কার্যালয়ের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত "কম্পিউটার সামগ্রী" সরবরাহের নিমিত্ত সরঞ্জামাদি প্রস্তুতকারী/সরবরাহকারীর নিকট হতে সিপিআর, ২০২৫ (সর্বশেষ সংশোধনকৃত) এর নিয়মানুসারে নিম্নলিখিত শর্তানুযায়ী সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

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১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	পরিবেশ, বন ও জলবায়ু পরিবর্তন মন্ত্রণালয় ,বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
২।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান	বাংলাদেশ রাবার বোর্ড, চট্টগ্রাম
২।	ক্রয়/সংগ্রহকারীর নাম	সচিব, বাংলাদেশ রাবার বোর্ড, ই১০-১৩, এম এ কে খলিল সড়ক, পশ্চিম পাহাড়, বাংলাদেশ বন গবেষনা ইনস্টিটিউট ক্যাম্পাস, ষোলশহর, চট্টগ্রাম। ফোন নং- ০২৪১৩৮০০৯৭
৩।	দরপত্র বিবরণ	"২০২৫-২৬ অর্থবছরে বাংলাদেশ রাবার বোর্ড, চট্টগ্রাম-এর জন্য কম্পিউটার সামগ্রী সরবরাহ"
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৫।	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)
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৭।	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০২/০৩/২০২৬ খ্রি: সকাল ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত
৮।	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	বাংলাদেশ রাবার বোর্ড, চট্টগ্রাম।
৯।	দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা	দরপত্রদাতাকে প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/টিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে হবে এবং ১ টি চুক্তিতে ন্যূনতম ০৪ (চার) লক্ষ টাকার কম্পিউটার সামগ্রী সরবরাহের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
১০।	কাজের মেয়াদ	কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্তির ৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিনের মধ্যে।
১১।	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	প্রতিটি ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরৎযোগ্য) দিয়ে সিডিউল ক্রয় করতে হবে।
১২।	জামানত	১২,০০০/- (বারো হাজার) টাকা যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংক হতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার বাংলাদেশ রাবার বোর্ড- এর অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে।
১৩।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ; সময় ও স্থান	০২/০৩/২০২৬ খ্রি: সকাল ১২.৫০ ঘটিকা , স্থানঃ সম্মেলন কক্ষ, বাংলাদেশ রাবার বোর্ড, চট্টগ্রাম
১৪।	দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিলকৃত কাগজপত্রাদির নমুনা	১। তফসিলি ব্যাংক কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতার সনদ,ন্যূনতম তরল সম্পদের প্রত্যয়ক, হালনাগাদ বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, আয়কর সনদ, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন পত্রের কপি, জাতীয় পরিচয় পত্রের সত্যায়িত ছায়ালিপি, দরদাতার সদ্য তোলা ১(এক) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল এবং দরপত্র ক্রয়কালীন সময়ে মূল সনদপত্রসমূহ প্রদর্শন করতে হবে। ২। দরপত্রের সাথে সিডিউল মোতাবেক প্রতিটি আইটেমের ১টি করে নমুনা দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৬।	কাজের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ: **কম্পিউটার সামগ্রীঃ**	কিবোর্ড ১০টি, মাউস (ওয়্যারলেস) ১২টি, ডেস্কটপ/ল্যাপটপ ১০টি, পেনড্রাইভ ০৬ টি ডুপ্লেক্স প্রিন্টার ০৪টি, মনিটর ০৪টি, ল্যাপটপ ০২ টি।

দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী:

১। দরপত্রে স্পষ্টাক্ষরে উদ্ধৃত দর অংকে ও কথায় লিখতে হবে। দরপত্রে কোন কাটাকাটি, ঘষামাজা করা যাবে না। দরপত্র অবশ্যই সীল মোহরযুক্ত খামে দাখিল করতে হবে।কোন অসম্পূর্ণ দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবেনা। দরপত্রের সকল কার্যক্রম পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০২৫ মোতাবেক পরিচালিত হবে।দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী ও অন্যান্য তথ্যাদি অফিস চলাকালীন এবং ওয়েবসাইট www.rubberboard.gov.bd এর মাধ্যমে জানা যাবে।

২। দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত তথ্য টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্ট(সিডিউল) -এ বর্ণিত থাকবে।দরপত্রদাতাদের সিডিউলের শর্ত মোতাবেক দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। খামের উপর স্পষ্টভাবে **"২০২৫-২৬ অর্থবছরে বাংলাদেশ রাবার বোর্ড, চট্টগ্রাম-এর জন্য কম্পিউটার সামগ্রী সরবরাহ"** লিখতে হবে।

৩। দাখিলকৃত বিলের উপর বিধি মোতাবেক আয়কর ও ভ্যাট কর্তন করা হবে। অগ্রীম কোন বিল প্রদান করা যাবেনা।

৪। দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান সরকারী স্বার্থে দরপত্রের যে কোন শর্তাবলী পরিবর্তন/পরিবর্ধন প্রস্তাব করতে পারবেন এবং কোন প্রকার কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যেকোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Chief Medical Officer (East)
Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattagram.

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e-Tender Notice

e-Tender has been invited in the national e-GP system portal (http:eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following goods/works.

S.N.	Name of Works	Tender ID No.	Last selling date and time
01	Procurement of Surgical items, Dental items, Laboratory reagents and accessories for the year 2025-2026.	1214227	25-Feb-2026 11:00
02	Procurement of Laboratory reagents and accessories for the year 2025-2026.	1163466	25-Feb-2026 11:00
03	Procurement of Laboratory reagents and accessories for the year 2025-2026.	1194451	25-Feb-2026 11:00

This is an online tender, where only e-tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-tender, registration in the national e-GP system portal (http:eprocure.gov.bd).is required.

To get access to the Tender Document, the requred fee is to be deposited through any registered branch of enlisted banks on or before last selling date and time.

Further information and guidelines are availabe in the national e GP system portal and eGP help desk (http:eprocure.gov.bd).

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Bangladesh Railway, Chattogram.

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Legal Notice
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
COMPANY MATTER N0:50 of 2026
An application under section 81(2), 85(3) read with section 396 of the Company Act-1994
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
Fariha Haque Daughter of M Wahidul Haque & Lutfun Nesa, Shareholder and Managing Director of Poribar Agro & Vet Limited. Of Flat # 4A, House # 32, Road #116, Gulshan #01, Dhaka, Petitioner
-VERSUS-
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms and others.
Respondents

Notice is here be given the an application under Section 81(2), 85(3) read with Section 396 of the companies Act 1994 was moved in petitioner in condonation of delay in holding the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Annual General Meeting of the Company named and style Poriber Agro & Vet Limited. Hon'ble Company Judge Mrs. Zinat Hoque. Justice has admitted the said application on 2nd February 2026. If any person interested in the said application may appear on the date of hearing either himself or through his Advocate. A copy of said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed fees:

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